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SUBJECT: Extension of the Dispute Resolution for Pit 9 Retrieval Demonstration Until
November 30, 2001 – (EM-ER-01-180)

Dear Mr. Allred and Mr. Iani:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of letters from your respective agencies, agreeing to extension of the dispute resolution for Pit 9 retrieval demonstration until November 30, 2001.

As requested by Mr. Allred, the DOE has determined three additional enforceable milestones for Critical Decisions (CD) related to this project and in accordance with DOE's project management requirements. Thus, there will be seven enforceable deadlines and/or milestones for this demonstration project:

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| 1. | Critical Decision – 1 (CD – 1)
Approval by DOE-ID Acquisition Executive
to proceed from conceptual
design into preliminary design | February 28, 2002 |
| 2. | Critical Decisions – 2/3 (CD – 2/3)
Approval by DOE-ID Acquisition Executive
to proceed to procurement and
construction phase | August 30, 2002 |
| 3. | Stage II Remedial Design Complete | October 31, 2002 |
| 4. | Stage II Notification of Commencement
of Construction | November 30, 2002 |

October 30, 2001

5. Critical Decision – 4 (CD – 4) February 28, 2004
Approval by DOE-ID Acquisition Executive
to proceed to procurement and
operations phase
6. Notification of Commencement of Stage II March 30, 2004
excavation
7. Notification of Completion of Stage II October 31, 2004
excavation

Note that item 6 above had the erroneous date of March 30, 2003, in the October 15, 2001, Allred letter.

The above dates were agreed to in DOE/regulator meetings, held with your respective staffs, during the week of October 22, 2001.

Per the request of EPA, DOE also agrees that the Final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study OU 7-13/14 will not be issued until the Remedial Action Report for OU 7-10 has been approved by the FAA/CO regulator. DOE will, however, issue a draft RI/FS report concerning the pits and trenches by March 30, 2002, per the existing WAG 7 deadline.

DOE has authorized resources to meet these requirements. A preliminary design team has already been assembled by our contractor, BBWI; more than 50 contractor personnel are presently working on this task. As you can see, DOE is strongly committed to this demonstration project.

I would appreciate your written confirmation of the above enforceable milestones as soon as possible; this will allow DOE to finalize the proposed FFA/CO revisions.

Sincerely,



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Acting Manager

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